MOUNTFORT OF BEAUDESERT, WARWICKS
MOUNTFORT BARON MONTFORT
MOUNTFORT OF COLESHILL, WARWICKS
MOUNTFORT OF BESCOT IN WALSALL, STAFFS

ARMS:*Bendy or and azure (*c1272) [MOUNTFORT]

CREST: A plume of ostrich-feathers argent

LOYD states that this family are probably a junior branch of the lords of the honour of Montfort-sur-Risle: Eure, arr. Pont-Audemer, cant. Montfort in Normandy. A fuller account is given in CP. Beaudesert Castle (near Henley in Arden), Warwicks was held by the family from at least 1141.

----- Mountfort c1080-
chn: Robert Mountfort below
     Thurstan Mountfort below
     Henry Mountfort

Robert Mountfort of Preston, Rutland c1105-a1141
d a1141
(succeded by his brother Thurstan)

Thurstan Mountfort of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1110-p1170
m Juliane Murdac dau and coheir of Geoffrey Murdac
d p1170
chn: Robert Mountfort below
     Henry Mountfort below

Robert Mountfort of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1140-a1185
m Alice Harcourt
d a1185

Henry Mountfort of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1150-a1199
d a1199
chn: Thurstan Mountfort below

Thurstan Mountfort of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1184-a1216
m ? ----- Cauntelo dau of William Cauntelo senior (Steward of the Household to King John)
d a21 Nov 1216
(aged 21+) 1205
chn: Piers Mountfort below

Sir Piers Mountfort "Baron Montfort" of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1210-1265
m a1228 Alice Audley dau of Henry Audley of Heighley in Audley, Staffs c1175-1246 [SLG];
  (a widow) 1265
d slain 4 Aug 1265 Evesham
(his wardship and marriage granted by the Crown to William Cauntelo)
(aged 21-) 1231; (Sheriff, Staffs & Salop) 1257-8
chn: Piers Mountfort below
     Robert Mountfort

Piers Mountfort "Baron Montfort" of Beaudesert, Warwicks c1238-a1287
m c1260 Matilda de la Mare dau and heir of Matthew de la Mare (son of Henry de la Mare)
IPM (-----) 4 Mar 1286.7/-----
(on an armorial roll) *c1272

chn: John Mountfort b c1263; (of age) 1284-5 below
Elizabeth Mountfort m1 William Montagu 2nd Baron Montagu c1275-1319 [CP];
m2 (pardon for marrying without royal licence, 8 Jun 1322) Thomas Furnivalle 1st Baron Furnivalle c1260-a1332 [SLG]; d Aug 1354; i St Frideswide [Christ Church, Oxford); M.I.

John Mountfort 1st Baron Montfort c1263-a1296
m 1286-9 Alice Plaunche dau of William Plaunche; (living) 1303
IPM (Rutland, Surrey, Warwicks) 11 May 1296/-----
(of age) 1284-5; (summoned to parliament by writ directed Johanni de Monte Forti whereby he is held to have become BARON MONTFORT) 24 Jun 1295 [CP]
chn: John Mountfort [1] b c1291 below
Peter Mountfort [2] b c1293 below
Elizabeth Mountfort [eventual coheir] m Baldwin Frevill of Tamworth Castle, Staffs c1292-1343 [SLG]; (and had chn)
Matilda Mountfort [eventual coheir] m Bartholomew Sudeley c1279-a1326 [SLG]; (and had chn); d a2 Oct 1326; IPM ....

John Mountfort 2nd Baron Montfort c1291-1314
b c1291
unm.
d slain 24 Jun 1314 Bannockburn [CP]
(succeded by his brother Peter)

Peter Mountfort 3rd Baron Montfort c1293-c1369
m1 Margaret Furnivalle dau of Thomas Furnivalle 2nd Baron Furnivalle c1292-1339 [SLG];
b c1320
m2 cl Lora "of Ullenhall"; (as "Dame Lora de Astley a nun at Pinley") 1367 hw
Will (PCC) 11 Dec 1367/a24 Jan 1369.70
(pres. of age, Rector, Ilmington, Warwicks) 14 Jun 1312-1320
chn: Guy Mountfort b c1340; m (dispensation, Jul 1347) Margaret Beauchamp dau of Thomas Beauchamp 11th Earl of Warwick 1314-1369 [SLG]; (but had no chn); d before his father ac1369
[2] John Mountfort [illeg.] below
Richard Mountfort [illeg.] m Rose Brandston dau and heir of Hugh Brandston of Lapworth, Warwicks [VIS.WARWICKS.1619 127]; (of Lapworth) 1363; 1367 E fw [now see VIS.WARWICKS.1619 127]
Alice Mountfort [illeg.] m Thomas Minors of Blakenhall in Tatenhill, Staffs c1343- .... [SLG]

Sir John Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks Knight c1325-?1385
m Joan Clinton dau and heir of Sir John Clinton of Coleshill, Warwicks Knight c1274- .... [SLG]; m2 Sir John Dudley ALIAS Sutton of Dudley Castle, Staffs Knight c1332-c1370 [SLG];
m3 a1371 Sir Henry Griffith Knight c1329-.... [SLG]
d ?1385
(M.P., Warwick)
chn: Baldwin Mountfort below
[?] John Mountfort
[?] Thomas Mountfort

Sir Baldwin Mountfort of Mountfort, Warwicks Knight c1355-1385
m Margaret OR Mary Clinton dau of John Clinton 3rd Baron Clinton c1326-1398 [SLG]
d 1385 Spain
chn: John Mountfort [1] b c1383 below
William Mountfort [2] b c1385 below
Baldwin Mountfort
Thomas Mountfort
Margaret Mountfort

John Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks c1383-a1394
d *underage* c1394

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William Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks c1385-1452
m1 a1407 Margaret OR Margery posthumous dau and heir of Sir John Peche of Hampton-in-Arden, Warwicks Knight c1360-1386; b 1386; d aApr 1417
m2 aOct 1422 Joan Alderwich dau of William Alderwich of Aldridge, Staffs c1360-.... [SLG]; b Brittany; m1 aFeb 1406 William Brokesby of Shoby, Leics c1385-1416 [PARL]; (as born in Brittany had letters of denization) Jan 1452.3
d 6 Dec 1452; Will (...) 10 Nov 1451/-----
(by acquisition, lord of Bescot) 1411-52
(by right of his wife Joan, lord of Aldridge) c1425-1452
(M.P., Warwicks) 1410 1422 1423 1427 1429 1437 1445 1450; (Commr.) 1412-51; (knighted) c1417; (J.P., Warwicks) 1422-39 1444-d; (Deputy Sheriff, Worcs) 1423-4 1440-1; (Sheriff, Warwicks & Leics) 1431-2 1441-2 1450-1; (Captain of Honfleur) 1438 [PARL1] [PARL2]
[VIS.ESSEX.1558 84]
chn: Baldwin Mountfort [1] b c1412; (aged 40) 1452 below
John Mountfort [2]
Robert Mountfort [-] b c1415 ? further below
[?] Richard Mountfort
Eleanor Mountfort m Sir Maurice Berkeley Knight
Joan Mountfort m1 Ralph Brosbrid; m2 Edward Bromflett
[6 sons, 2 daus]
[2] Edmund Mountfort b c1423; unm.; Will (PCC) 12 Mar 1493.4/24 May 1494; i Henley-on-Thames [will]; (M.P., Warwicks) 1447 1459; (knighted) a1459; (Sheriff, Warwicks & Leics) 1459-60; (attainted) Jul 1461; (a Lancastrian, fought at Bosworth) 22 Aug *1485; (Sheriff, Oxon & Berks) 1485-6; (attainder reversed); (J.P., Glos) 1490-d; (M.P., Glos) 1491 [PARL]

Sir Baldwin Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks Knight c1412-a1475
m Ann Blanchmains dau of Robert Blanchmains; (sister and heir of Robert Blanchmains) OR
m Joane Vernon dau of Sir Richard Vernon of Harlaston, Staffs Knight c1370-1400 [SLG]
[VIS.WARWICKS.1619]
d 1474/5 OR 1458
(aged 40) 1452
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot)
chn: Simon Mountfort b c1435 below
Robert Mountfort b c1440
Thomas Mountfort
Richard Mountfort
William Mountfort
Alice Mountfort
Sybil Mountfort
Eleanor Mountfort m John Archer of Umberslade in Tanworth, Warwicks c1430-.... [SLG]

Sir Simon Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks Knight c1435-1495
m Ann Verney dau of Sir Richard Verney of Compton Verney, Warwicks Knight
[VIS.WARWICKS.1619]
d beheaded Jan 1494.5
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot) ....-1495
(knighted) 1459-62; (M.P., Warwicks) 1463 1478 1491; (J.P., Warwicks) 1464-5 1468-70 1471-d; (an indentured retainer of William Hastings Baron Hastings) 22 Nov 1469; (Commr.) 1470-....; (Sheriff, Warwicks & Leics) 1471; (beheaded for complicity in Warbeck's rising) Jan 1494.5; (attainted) Oct 1495 [PARL]
chn: John Mountfort m Ann Harcourt dau of Sir Richard Harcourt of Witham, Berks c1412-1486 [SLG]: She m1 Henry Fiennes ... Baron of Saye and Sele ....-.... [CP]: He d *before his father* 1491-2

Thomas Mountfort [2] below
[?] Henry Mountfort
[?] Edmund Mountfort [3] [VIS.ESSEX.1558 85] [VIS.ESSEX.1612 257]

Thomas Mountfort of Kingshurst, Warwicks c1467-a1534
m 1491/2 [ERDESWICK (1844) 216] Elizabeth Gresley dau of Sir John Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys Knight c1418-1487 [SLG]
d a1534
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot)
(petitioned for reversal of his father's attainder) 1503; (attainder reversed) 1534
chn: Simon Mountfort below

Simon Mountfort of Kingshurst, Warwicks c1495-a1548
m Ann Longford dau of Sir Ralph Longford of Longford, Derbys Knight c1457-.... [SLG]
d a1548
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot)
chn: Francis Mountfort below

Francis Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs Esquire c1530-1592
m Ann Willington dau and coheir of William Willington of Barcheston, Warwicks Esquire c1475-.... [SLG]; d ?1605
i as Esquire 17 Sep 1592 Walsall; Will of Walsall (Lichfield) [BOTH LOST] 28 Mar 1593 and 23 Apr 1594
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot)
(of Kingshurst, Warwicks)
(Escheator, Staffs) 1571-3; (paid £10, Walsall Foreign) 1576 LS; (as armiger, summoned but not entered at the Visitation) Aug *1583
chn: William Mountfort b c1555 below
[?] Francis Mountfort b c1557 further below
[?] Baldwin Mountfort m ----- -----; (and had chn: Ann b 1585, Bridget [heir] m John Wyrley of Dodford, Northants Esquire c1576-.... [SLG]); (of Tamworth, Warwicks)
[?] Simon Mountfort c no parents named 7 Sep 1571 Walsall; m ----- -----; (and had chn: Thomas d 1594); [? Will (Lichfield) [LOST] 30 Dec 1602]
[?] Thomas Mountfort b 1572
[?] John Mounfort b 1580; d 1581
[?] Elizabeth Mountfort b 1589

William Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs Esquire c1555-1610
m Ann Fowler dau of Brian Fowler of St Thomas, Staffs c1520-1587 [SLG]
d 1610 [VCH]
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge and Bescot) ....-1610
(of Kingshurt, Warwicks)
chn: Edward Mountfort [1] b c1580 below
Peter Mountfort [2] unm.
John Mountfort [3] (of Wolverhampton)
William Mountfort [4] b c1586 further below
Ann Mountfort [1] m Edward Banbury (son of John Banbury of London and Catherine Stanford dau of Sir William Stanford of Hadley, Middx Knight 1509-1558 [SLG])
.[dau]. Mountfort [-] m Edward Newman (Attorney in the Star Chamber)
Margaret Mountfort [-] m ----- Wolrich

Sir Edward Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs Knight c1580-1632
m Elizabeth Brown dau of Sir Valentine Brown of Lincs Knight; i 1663 Aldridge
d Dec 1632 [VIS]
(as son and heir, lord of Bescot) 1610-32
(as son and heir, lord of Aldridge until sold to John Jordan) 1610-1629
(as knight, named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614;
chn: Valentine Mountfort [1] b c1605; i 14 Dec 1610 Walsall
Simon Mountfort [2] c Apr 1607 Walsall below
Dorothy Mountfort i 7 Apr 1610 Walsall
Edward Mountfort [3] c 15 Apr 1613 Walsall below
[?] William Mountfort b 1617

Ann Mountfort m Anthony Stanford of Handsworth, Staffs c1593-.... [SLG]
Margaret Mountfort m Edward Hall of Sedgley, Staffs ....-.... [SLG]

By indenture of bargain and sale inrolled sir Edward Mountfort knt of Bescott and Simon his son and heir, Robert Ducie and Anthony Biddulph in consideration of £2000 grant the said manor [Aldridge] etc. ... to hold to John Jordan and John Brandreth of Weeford. 26 Nov 1629 (Brandreth released to Jordan the following year). [SHAW II 99]

Simon Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs Esquire 1607-1664
c Apr 1607 Walsall
unm.
i bachelor 4 May 1664 Aldridge
(lord of Bescot) 1632-64; (land sequestered for recusancy) a1648; (aged 54) 1663 [*VIS]

Edward Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs Esquire 1613-1672
c 15 Apr 1613 Walsall
m1 Margaret -----; i as wife of Edward 10 Mar 1666.7 Aldridge
m2 Elizabeth -----; 1672 hw; i 6 Mar 1673.4 Aldridge
i 25 Mar 1672 Aldridge; Will (Lichfield) 18 Jun 167?/6 Mar 1671.2
(lord of Bescot) 1664-72
(14 hearths [Bescot Hall], Walsall Foreign) 1666 HT; (his daughter in custody of Thomas Harris)
chn: Elizabeth Mountfort [heir] b c1665 below
Simon Mountfort d before his father c1672

remainder to wife Elizabeth ... friend Mr John Leveson of Willenhall [executor] .... friend Mr Edward Giffard of Wolverhampton ... Francis ?Tormer [executor]; Inventory 13 Jun 1672; £188/0/0

Elizabeth Mountfort [heir] c1665-
m1 a1684 Thomas Harris gentleman (son of Thomas Harris); (but had no chn)
m2 a1717 Jonas Slaney of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs c1654-.... [SLG]

he estate then passed into the hands of trustees, the survivor of whom gave possession c. 1681 to Thomas Harris, guardian of Edward Mountfort's daughter Elizabeth. By 1684 Elizabeth had brought Bescot in marriage to Harris's son Thomas. (fn. 100) After his death she married Jonas Slaney. (fn. 101) He had died by 1727, and in 1728 Elizabeth settled the manor on Jonas Slaney the younger of Dawley (Salop.), reserving £2,000 and a rent-charge to Dorothy, wife of Nicholas Parker of Bloxwich. On Elizabeth's death Dorothy entered the estate, but in 1739 the property was secured to Slaney. (fn. 102) He died in 1762 or early in 1763 leaving as heir his son Jonas, who lived at Bescot at some time before 1768 but by then had moved to Bristol. He had returned to Bescot by 1772 and was vicar of Rushall by 1778. (fn. 103) As a result of financial difficulties he conveyed the estate in 1781 to trustees, after settling 105 a. on his wife Mary. In 1791 they sold the hall and 80 a. to Richard Wilkes, who had been living at the hall since 1788. (fn. 104) Mary Slaney still held her share of the estate in 1796, but by 1825 it had passed to William Spurrier, who still owned it in 1843. It was then a compact farm east of Wednesbury Road. (fn. 105) [VCH]

William Mountfort of Walsall, Staffs c1586-
b c1586 son of William Mountfort of Kingshurst, Warwicks Esquire c1555-1610 [SLG]
m1 Margaret -----; i 25 Feb 1619 Walsall
m2 Eleanor Beswick dau of William Beswick of Walsall, Staffs
(of The Delves); (fined) 1636

chn: Susanna Mountfort [1] c 25 Oct 1614 Walsall; m George Clarkson of Walsall,
Staffs c1610-.... [SLG]
Ann Mountfort [2] c 3 Jan 1615 Walsall
Ann Mountfort [3] c 8 Jun 1617 Walsall
Elizabeth Mountfort [4] c 24 Feb 1618 Walsall
[2] Simon Mountfort [1] c 21 Feb 1632[.3?] Walsall below
Thomas Mountfort [2] c 18 Aug 1642 Walsall

Simon Mountfort of Walsall, Staffs gentleman ?1633-a1667
c 21 Feb 1632[.3?] Walsall
m Joan Haw 2nd dau of George Haw of Caldmore in Walsall, Staffs c1584-a1663 [SLG];
b c1663; i *as wife of Simon* Jul 1665 Walsall
d *slain by John Ferrers of Clifford's Inn* a1667
(of Clifford's Inn); (aged 30, certified Visitation) 30 Mar 1663; (family mentioned in will of his mother-in-law) 1669
chn: Simon Mountfort [1] c 26 Sep 1658 ?Walsall; (aged 4) 1663; [? m Elizabeth -----;
(of Kingswinford)]
Mary Mountfort [1] c Jul 1660 ?Walsall
Edward Mountfort [2] c Jul 1665 Walsall below

Edward Mountfort of Caldmore in Walsall, Staffs 1665-?1755
c Jul 1665 Walsall
m 16 Jan 1689.90 Walsall: Elizabeth Grosvenor; d ?1743
d ?1755
chn: Simon Mountfort [1] c 10 Nov 1690 Walsall
Edward Mountfort [2] c 14 Sep 1693 Walsall
Ann Mountfort [1] c 24 Nov 1695 Walsall
Elizabeth Mountfort [2] c 6 May 1698 Walsall
Edward Mountfort [3] c 6 Apr 1700 Walsall
Mary Mountfort [3] c 1 Nov 1701 Walsall

Francis Mountfort of Walsall, Staffs c1557-
b c1557 ? son of Francis Mountfort of Kingshurt, Warwicks c1530-1592 [SLG]

chn: John Mountfort c 5 Apr 1580 Walsall; i 9 Oct 1581 Walsall
Elizabeth Mountfort c 9 Feb 1592 Walsall

Robert Mountfort (of Coleshill, Warwicks) c1415-
b c1415 ? son of William Mountfort of Coleshill, Warwicks c1385-1452 [SLG]
m Mary Stapleton dau of Leonard Stapleton of Great Barr in Aldridge, Staffs c1380-.... [SLG]
[? IS HE IN FACT THE ELDER SON]
(of "Colshall, Staffs")
chn: Catherine Mountfort [heir] m George Booth of Dunham Massey, Cheshire c1435-....
[VIS.CHESH.1580 36]

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Dugdale WARWICKSHIRE (1730) 786 1008
PFTPR 107 162 194
*VCH (BESCOTE)
VIS.ESSEX.1558 84-5
WILLMORE (1887) 281-3 pedigree
CHECK VCH (WARWICKS) IV 51
VIS.WARWICKS.1619 (1/1/05)